

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 0019 with the following replacement paragraph.

-- In the embodiments depicted in FIGS. 1, 2, and 2A, skin layer 22 extends across apertures 24, 24a, and has a uniform thickness at least in the target area 18 where skin layer 22 extends across the apertures 24, 24a. It will be recognized, however, that the material forming the skin layer 22 may alternatively fill, or partially fill, some or all of the apertures 24, 24a, as depicted in FIG. 2B. When the apertures 24 are formed through substrate member 20, a secondary skin layer 30 may be formed on the opposing side of the substrate member 20. Advantageously, filling apertures 24, 24a and forming the secondary skin layer 30 helps to ensure that skin layer 22 is firmly secured to the substrate member 20 and inhibits shifting of the skin layer 22 over the substrate member 20 which might otherwise degrade the aesthetic feel of the armrest 10. Moreover, selective filling of the apertures 24, 24a enables the feel of the armrest 10 to be tuned to a desired softness. With reference to FIG. 2, the feel of the armrest 10 may also be selectively tuned to a desired softness by varying the height H and/or thickness T of those portions of substrate member 20 defining wall sections 32 between apertures 24, 24a. --